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Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary has opened its doors to women.

A matrimonial craze has broken out among the royal families of Europe.

The world's coinage for 1888 was \$292,502,645, against \$283,645,000 in 1887.

Michael Davitt asserts that the idea of separation would die out in Ireland were Parnell's measure to go through.

It is an interesting fact that the proportion of blind people has greatly decreased during the last two decades.

The Legislature of California, at its last session, amended the State revenue laws so as to exempt fruit trees and grape vines from taxation.

The Indian population, since placed on reservations, has increased faster than the black or white, while the rate of mortality has steadily decreased.

"It is estimated," says the Indianapolis Journal, "that \$200,000,000 of British capital has been invested in the United States during the current year."

The railroads of India have almost done away with caste. All sorts of religions now have to mix up, and it hasn't hurt 'em a bit. On the contrary, fanaticism is fast disappearing.

Says the Washington Star: "How many girl graduates of the season have written their commencement essays on the 'Coming Man,' and how few will find him like his portrait when he comes!"

An eminent English surgeon says that a kiss on the lips ought to be felt for at least twenty minutes afterward, and that kissing produces a sensation which the system requires to keep it in a healthy state.

Since the phylloxera has so ravaged France, Turkey is looking up as a wine producing country. Some of the southern provinces are said to be excellent as wine growing districts, both for climate and soil.

A Captain in the Russian Army has been cashiered for saving the life of a peasant woman, "and thereby lowering his standard as a gentleman." In this country such an act would have raised a soldier's "standard" as a gentleman.

The man who seems to have made the most out of the Oklahoma boom is ex-Governor Crawford, of Kansas, who received ten per cent. of the amount paid to the Creek Indians for the lands, on account of his services as an attorney in negotiating the sale.

It is a significant commentary on the uselessness of universal exhibitions as promoters of permanent peace, muses the New Orleans Times Democrat, that the "War Palace" in the great Paris show this year is more popular with the French visitors than any other department.

When the Seminole Indians of Florida elect a chief, they choose the biggest fighter and most successful hunter of the tribe. If there happens to be a tie between two candidates, their method of deciding it is to have each candidate place a live coal on his wrist. The one who flinches first loses the office.

It is the immemorial privilege of an alien domiciled in England, if he be arraigned for a criminal offense, to demand that he shall be tried by a jury, one-half of which shall consist of foreigners. In the jury which tried such a man a few weeks ago, it was discovered near the end of the trial that one of the members, a Frenchman, had not really understood English at all, and the proceeding went for naught.

The Board of Visitors to the Annapolis (Md.) Naval Academy, recommends that the academic course be reduced from six to four years, and that at the end of four years the cadets be commissioned as ensigns. It also recommends that the maximum limit of age be nineteen instead of twenty years. The board thinks it would be desirable for the Government to find occupation for more graduate cadets than are now taken annually into the naval service, and suggests that Congress put these young men into the marine service.

The metric system is slowly, but surely, becoming established throughout the civilized world. The English-speaking countries, however, are slower in adopting it than those of other lands, and in our own country there is as yet comparatively little use of the system excepting in scientific circles. That it is extending, however, is shown by figures presented at a recent meeting of the French Academy of Science. Countries representing 302,000,000 of people have adopted it—a gain of 53,000,000 in ten years.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Arthur H. Blythe of West Springfield, Mass., has been arrested on the charge of bigamy.

The New Hampshire legislature has passed a resolution appropriating \$500 annually to the State Historical society to aid in keeping open its buildings and for other purposes.

The large Gilford hosiery mill in Laconia, N. H., which has been idle for nearly two years, has been leased by the Pittman-Hill company of New York, and will be started up on an early day.

Joseph Reynolds of Calais, Me., lost an arm in a moving machine.

At Westboro, Mass., during the recent storm lightning struck a building, killing a Frenchman named Peter Pluff.

The slasher tenders and helpers employed in the Atlantic Cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass., are on a strike, and only one machine is running.

Joseph French, a veteran of the Tenth New Hampshire regiment, and a member of the Grand Army post in Lynn, Mass., has died in Manchester. He was a native of Ireland.

A bill has been introduced into the New Hampshire senate relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations. Its scope is to require a license of them and place them under contract insurance control.

A fourteen-year-old son of Capt. John Haskell was drowned in Lily pond, Deer Isle, Me.

Prof. L. H. W. French, the very efficient principal of the Fairbairn school, has been re-elected with an increased salary.

Mrs. Kate Thompson and two others in Lunenburg, N. H., were recently severely poisoned by eating a few potatoes which had been covered with a poisonous growth.

Prompt medical attendance afforded some relief, but Mrs. Thompson has not yet recovered.

The only purely co-operative association in the state engaged in the work of production is said to be the State of Maine State company, composed of nine practical state farmers, now operating a dairy on the working of the Blanchard state quarry. The company began operations last November and has been successful in its projects.

Frederick L. Sawyer of Orange, Mass., has been elected principal of the high school at Marlborough, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars, in place of Joseph W. Chapman, resigned.

The sleeping room of Hiram Babbitt in Athol, Mass., was entered one night last week and \$600, which he had received from a sale of land he had before, stolen from his trousers pocket.

Mr. T. E. Balch, general agent of the Watchman, is visiting his father at Lyme Centre, N. H.

William Batchelder of West Nottingham, N. H., superintendent of schools and ex-postmaster, died lately, aged 33.

The Buller's iron foundry, Providence, R. I., has been awarded the contract for the twelve trench-loading mortars to be built by the Naval Ordnance bureau at a cost of \$725 each.

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the settlement of the N. H. village of Durham, N. H., will be held on Sept. 4. Rev. F. G. Clark has been invited to give the historical oration. Addresses will also be made by Prof. Daniel B. D. of Yale, and Mr. J. H. Butterfield, M. D., of Cambridge, Mass., and others.

Work on the new mill at Woonsocket, R. I., is progressing rapidly. The foundations are all laid and the work begun for the walls of the buildings. The building of the chimney is fast progressing, about 75 feet, one-half of the intended height, being built.

Edward P. Woodworth, a prominent and aged citizen of Great Barrington, Mass., has presented the Free library with a portrait of himself and a check for \$100. Mr. Woodworth some time ago gave the library \$500.

The county commissioners and City Engineer Allen of Worcester, Mass., have viewed dams at Ashburnham, Westminster and Leominster. People who reside below the dams are asked to take the necessary steps to inspect them in regard to their safety.

Charters have been granted the American Ephron company of Boston, Mass., to manufacture and sell or lease instruments for measuring distances by electricity in its use.

Forty ex-employees of the Branford Lock Works, New Haven, Ct., have left for Florida, where they have been invited to go by Charles Foster, agent of a manufacturing concern in Trenton, N. J. The men are guaranteed work for three years at wages ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a day.

The following Massachusetts pensions have been granted: Original, J. W. Newhall, Edwin Chase, L. B. Hunt, P. D. Nelson; increase, G. W. Dunham, Maurice Cahill; Joseph A. Wyman and Grand Treasurer Dr. A. Mosses were present.

The report of the New Hampshire commission to settle the boundary between that state and Massachusetts has been made public.

David Pomeroy, a South Amherst, Mass., farmer, 60 years old, does a good day's work in the winter by taking in the mail.

Capt. J. W. Gaffney, keeper of the light on Avery's rock, Machias, Me., reports that in June his record shows 404 hours of fog, the foggiest month on record.

Edwin C. Tillingshast of New Bedford, Mass., is to build a new iron foundry there. The building is to be 113 by 45 feet, with 17 feet posts.

Commodore William H. Low, Jr., has ordered the Rhode Island yacht club squadron to rendezvous at the club house, Lawrence street, at 10 o'clock Thursday, Aug. 1. The cruise will be confined to the bay, but some of the larger craft will go outside after the squadron disperses.

A meeting of citizens was recently held at Burlington, Vt., to take in hand the securing a union depot. Resolutions were passed to be presented to roads entering the city, calling their attention to the matter.

The trustees of Newport, Vt., academy have secured the following teachers: Frank L. Bagby of Hartford, a graduate of Dartmouth college, class of '89; Miss Mary C. Norton of Fairhaven, a graduate of the state normal school at Castleton, class of '88, and of the New York state normal school at Oswego, class of '89; and Miss Nellie L. Wright of Newport, Vt.

The grocers and provision dealers of Lowell, Mass., enjoyed their annual picnic at Fry's Island recently. Nearly 500 persons were present.

Providence, R. I., manufacturing concerns are said to be involved to the extent of about a million dollars by the Lewis Brothers failure.

It is very probable that the next Massachusetts legislature will be petitioned to set off a portion of the town of Sherborn and annex it to Framingham.

The town of Sherborn has a petition to the effect in change. It is being circulated and has already received the signatures of a large number of the people of the town. By the plan proposed some 600 acres of land would be taken from Sherborn.

City Engineer Allen of Worcester, Mass., will shortly make his report to the county commissioners concerning the dams inspected at Westminster and Ashburnham. Though all need repairing, all are thought to be safe.

The Lane Manufacturing company of Montpelier, Vt., contemplates extensive enlargements of its business. There will be a new iron foundry, 60 by 100 feet, and an 84 by 30 feet structure for steam plant and engine room, a new office, and other buildings, all to be substantially constructed of brick. The company will double its force and employ 1.0 man.

C. A. Buel of Laconia, N. H., president of the Lake Shore railroad, has lately made a trip over the line for the purpose of locating water tanks and other conveniences, preparatory to surfacing and laying the iron.

It is expected that the route will be open to the public about the middle of September.

\$80,000 ABOUT COVERS IT.

A Well-Known Lawyer of Kansas City, Mo., Gone Wrong.

Charles S. Cryster of Kansas City, Mo., is reported to be short in his accounts to the extent of \$80,000. An attachment suit for \$1500 has been filed against Mr. Cryster by J. S. Jewett of Montpelier, Vt., who claims that Cryster has defrauded him of that amount. The filing of the suit caused an investigation to be made into the affairs of Mr. Cryster, who is agent for several estates, the guardian of orphans and the executor of wills. The investigation showed, it is said, that Mr. Cryster had misappropriated much of the funds entrusted to his care, and \$50,000 of the same had been paid to him. Mr. Cryster is at present in Washington, D. C. He had evidently been notified of the charges against him, for he telegraphed to his father, "Give delivery bond. Will satisfy when I get home."

A RICH FIND.

Discovery of a Sunken Vessel with a Cargo of Tin, Lead and Spelter.

The wreck of the English bark Midway, which foundered in 1853 while bound from London to Philadelphia, with a cargo of tin, lead and spelter, worth over \$150,000, has been located by the Atlantic and Gulf Wrecking company of Cape Henlopen, D. D., of Philadelphia. The wreckers, headed at Almond street wharf, Philadelphia, a consignment of various metals from the Midway's cargo which had been brought to the surface by divers, and although covered by the action of salt water, the entire consignment was sold at the highest market rates. In the cabin of the bark was found a case of brandy, much improved by its long immersion in the salt water. The amount of tin in the lost ship's cabin. Many other things were also found in the wreck.

INDIANS BREAK LOOSE.

Burn Eight Miles of Hay Land and Threaten Settlers.

News comes from the Colville agency, Wash., saying that the Indians attached to the Colville agency have burned eight square miles of hay land, and threaten the lives of the settlers, many of whom are guarding their dwellings and hay stacks. The settlers have signed a petition requesting that a company of soldiers be sent them to protect their property and perhaps their lives. The Indian officials have no knowledge of the cause of the reported trouble.

SUIT FOR \$50,000.

The First Action Entered Against the South Fork Fishing Club.

The much-talked-of suit has been entered against the South Fork Fishing club in Pittsburgh, Penn., for damages for loss of life and property occasioned by the breaking of the dam at South Fork. The suit is brought by J. A. Little, the drummer, who lost his life in the Harbort house at Johnstown by the breaking of the dam. The damages being placed at \$50,000.

MILLIONS OF POUNDS.

Starting 'Sums Received by the Queen and Her Relatives.

The total amount of the queen's grant is \$285,000, of which \$131,200 is for household salaries, and \$153,800 for tradesmen's bills, etc. The sum of \$20,000 is set apart for her majesty's private purse. The total amount of money paid to the queen's dearest relatives amounts to \$10,150,000. The living members of the family have received \$1,765,683 from the public purse, while the deceased members of the family have received \$2,891,000.

INCALCULABLE DAMAGE.

Another Report of Life and Property From China.

The Yellow River has again burst its banks in Siatung, inundating an immense extent of country. There is 12 feet of water throughout 10 large governmental districts. The loss of life and property is incalculable. The government authorities at Peking are dismayed. Owing to the inactivity of the local authorities, foreign engineering aid is local to permanently repair the channel of the river is considered imperative.

WILLIAM BRODIE.

Discharged on the Whitechapel Case and Arrested for Fraud.

At London, William Brodie, the man who, while in a state bordering on delirium tremens, stated that he had committed the murders and mutilations of women in and about the White chapel district, has been discharged from custody, there being no evidence on which to hold him, and physicians pronouncing him sane. He was immediately rearrested, however, on a charge of fraud.

SUNDAY WORK IN POSTOFFICES.

A Circular Expected from the Postmaster-General on the Subject.

Postmaster-General Wandanaker is having compiled the data contained in the replies to his circular of last May, asking postmasters at large offices for suggestions as to minimizing Sunday work in postoffices. He has studied it all sufficiently, he will probably issue a circular pointing out to postmasters the necessity of doing as little work as possible on Sundays.

"Little Lord Fauntleroy" is doing a surprisingly good business at the Boston museum. The few changes made in the cast have increased the interest in the performance. It must soon be withdrawn, though, as Mr. Roland Reed being a two weeks' engagement in the "Woman Hater" on Aug. 18.

John R. Dunn, the recently New York lawyer who inveigled a bank cashier into a scheme to rob the bank of \$188,000, has been sent to Sing Sing for nine years and six months.

It is reported that Russia intends to purchase all of the Polish railway and transfer them into state railways, on account of their strategic importance.

The American International congress which meets in Washington next October, promises to be a very important gathering.

NEWS IN GENERAL.

Recent newspaper stories to the effect that numerous sailors, survivors of the Spanish disaster, are in San Francisco, are, it is declared to be false. Every man to whom the government was in debt has been paid in full, and it is stated that the few malcontents who are trying to create sympathy are deserters.

William O'Brien has donated to the fund for a national memorial to John Macdonald, who died on the Tenth of July, 1891, \$100 which he obtained from the Cork constitution last July for libel.

Late news from Ounahaska by the steamer Bortha confirms the recent reports of the loss of three whaling schooners—James A. Hamilton, Otter and Annie. No trace of them have been seen in the Arctic, and it is generally believed they are lost. The vessels carried about sixty officers and men.

A final decree has been rendered by Judge Blodgett, in the Federal court, in the long-pending litigation between the Bell and Cushman telephone companies. The Bell company brought two suits against the Cushman company for infringement of patent. The decree is in favor of the Cushman company. A fine of \$1 is assessed against it, and it is ordered to turn over all of its telephones to the Bell company.

Edward E. Sheno, an insane colored man, confined in jail with a white prisoner at Asbury Park, N. J., became violent, and was heavily ironed. At noon the following day he was removed to the white prisoner, Randolph, and fightfully beat him over the head with his heavy manacles. The white man would have been killed had not officers intervened the morning.

The death is announced of Frank Thimim, the well-known foreign bookseller of Brook and Bond streets, London. Mr. Thimim was himself both an author and bibliographer. It is understood that he has left a manuscript a continuation of his "Shakespeareana from 1504 to 1871," and also large materials for a bibliography of Goehe.

News comes from Geneva that the government, by order of the bundesrat, has expelled a large number of nihilists, French anarchists and German socialists. The persons expelled were residing there without regular papers.

George Lewis, a negro, living near Bolden, Tex., was lynched for poisoning the well of William Shaw.

The report to the effect that Mrs. Horon was under sentence of death in Korea for preaching Christianity was without foundation.

The project of forming a syndicate of paper manufacturers in London has been abandoned.

New York is growing very enthusiastic over the proposed exposition there in 1892.

The creditors of Lewis Bros. & Co., the extensive commission merchants, will urge a speedy settlement of the firm's affairs, the business may be resumed as speedily as possible. The firm hopes to pay 100 cents on the dollar.

A son of Marshall H. Twitchell, United States consul at Kingston, Ont., has been arrested on the charge of being the masked burglar who entered the residence of Mrs. Martin recently. He is a mere boy, and is said to be a very good character. He is said to be insane.

The trial of the strikers arrested at Breslau, Germany, has resulted in the conviction of 32 of the prisoners. Henkel, the ring-leader, was sentenced to five years of penal servitude, and to be deprived of his civil rights for seven years. Nine of the strikers were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 18 months to five years, and 23 were sentenced to imprisonment from a year to four years without hard labor.

In the coming general elections for members of the chamber of deputies, Henri Reclus will contest the seat for Belleville, a Parisian suburb.

A report from Haiti states that there has been a battle in which Hippolyte was driven from his position.

A mortgage given by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company to the United States Trust company of New York has been filed for record in the office of the circuit court at Chicago, Ill. The amount of the mortgage is \$400,000, and the amount of money represented is \$150,000.

At the meeting of the Union Railway and Transit company and the Terminal Railroad company, a subscription of \$40 from the company of St. Louis, the stockholders of the two companies voted for consolidation, and the new company will be known as the St. Louis Terminal Railroad.

Another attempt has been made to wreck a train on the Wheeling and Elm Grove railroad, which was returning from Wheeling Park with the cars crowded with picnickers. A rail was placed on the track in an open field, and a short distance away a man was found driving a spike between the ends of two rails. He was captured amid some excitement, and is now in jail. He is suspected of being the man who made two attempts at train wrecking on the night of the Fourth of July.

Mr. George W. Childs has received from Col. Fred B. Grant, United States minister to Austria, a communication enclosing a contribution of \$142 subscribed by the people of Carlsbad for the sufferers at Johnstown. A subscription of \$100 from Grant and one of \$100 from his mother, Mrs. U. S. Grant.